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Gov. Branstad to Join Iowans in Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Public ceremony on Monday, January 16*

DES MOINES – Governor Terry Branstad will participate in the State of Iowa celebration honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 16, 2012.

Governor Branstad will provide welcoming comments and present a proclamation at the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony, hosted by the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of African Americans. The annual event begins at 10:45 a.m. at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines.

Dr. William Anderson will provide the keynote address. Dr. Anderson is a Des Moines University/College of Osteopathic Medicine graduate, past President of the American Osteopathic Association, Senior Advisor to the Dean of the Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine and is Vice President of Academic Affairs, Osteopathic Medical Education within the Detroit Medical Center (DMC). Other local and state dignitaries will be in attendance, with music by the Special MLK Choir. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award will be presented to Betty Johnson of Marion and Dr. Mary Sconiers Chapman of Des Moines. The MLK Service project award will be presented to Kent Sissel of Muscatine for the Alexander Clark Project.

All persons are invited to attend this free event. To receive more information, or if you need special accommodations, please contact: Dept. of Human Rights' Office on the Status of African Americans, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319, at (515) 281-3274 or toll-free (800) 351-4659.

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